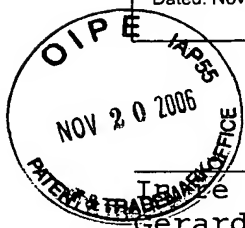


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AND USE THEREOF FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF
CARBOXYPEPTIDASE ACTIVITIES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2006, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 4-9, 12-30, and 32-41 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form. Applicant submits herewith a Preliminary Amendment to correct the improper claim form.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 1-3, 10 and 11 drawn to a compound.

II. Claim 31, drawn to a method of assaying.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I. Applicant believes that at least amended claims 1-11 correspond to the invention of Group I. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

Should the claims of Group I be deemed allowable, Applicant requests that the Examiner rejoin the claims of Group II, as the claims of Group II are directed to an assay method that employs the compounds of Group I.

In addition, the Examiner required restriction to the species of the compounds described in claims 3 and 11. Applicant hereby elects the compound of claim 11. Applicant believes that at least pending claims 1-4, 7-16, 19-37 and 40-41 read on the elected compound; and at least claims 1-4, 7-10, 12-16, 19-21, 22-37 and 40-41 are generic to the elected compound. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant is entitled to consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge

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